

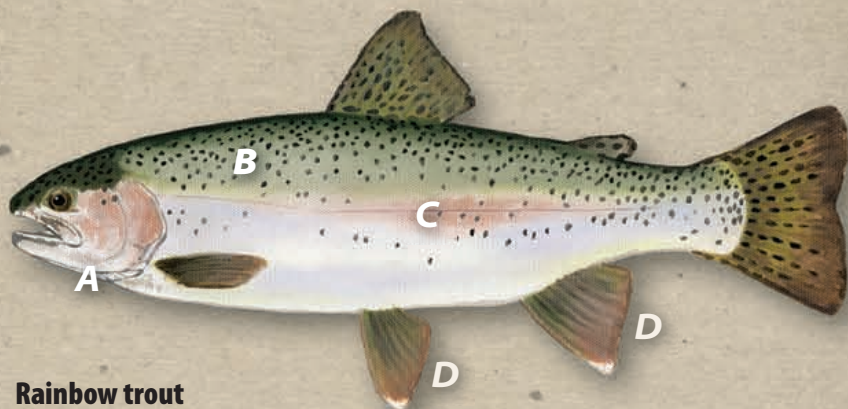
# ARE YOU SURE THAT IT'S A RAINBOW TROUT?



Your guide to the new regulations at  
Panguitch Lake and Scofield Reservoir

# Does your fish look like a rainbow?

If your fish has the characteristics shown on the rainbow trout below, you may keep it—regardless of its size.

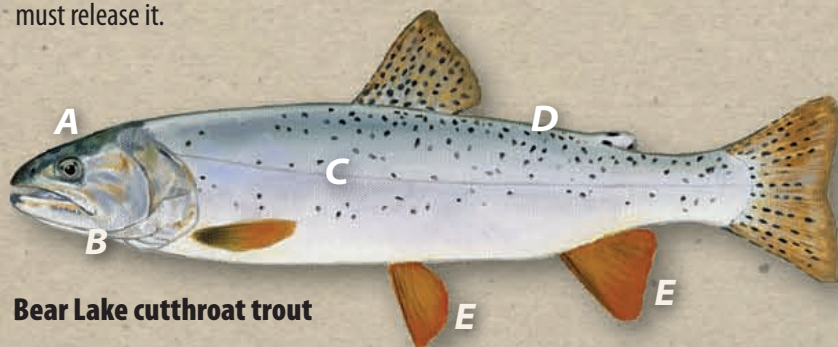


## Rainbow trout

- A.** Often lacks bright coloration under the jaws, but occasionally has some color
- B.** Many small, irregularly shaped spots on head, back and most of the body
- C.** Pinkish lateral stripe on sides
- D.** Pelvic and anal fins are translucent pink to gray-green and tipped in white

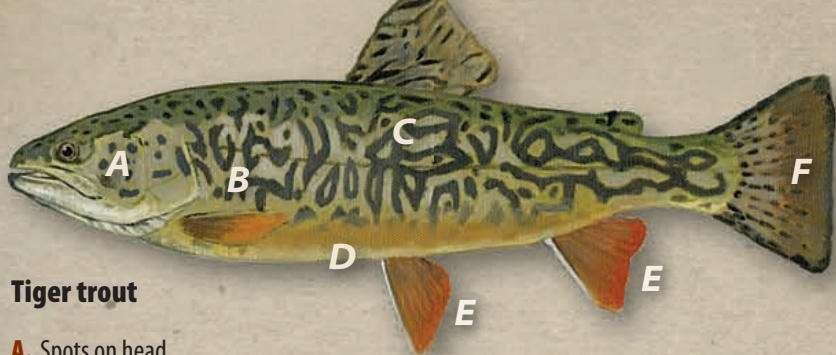
# Or is it a cutthroat or tiger trout?

If your fish has the markings below—and it's between 15 and 22 inches long—you must release it.



## Bear Lake cutthroat trout

- A.** Few spots on or near head
- B.** Orange slash under jaws is often faint or absent
- C.** Steel gray to bronze side color
- D.** Few large, round spots scattered on sides and back, often concentrated near tail
- E.** Pelvic and anal fins are opaque and deep orange



### **Tiger trout**

- A.** Spots on head
- B.** Body color varies from steel gray to brownish-green
- C.** Vermiculation (worm-like patterns)
- D.** Belly is sometimes bright orange or yellow
- E.** Pelvic and anal fins are orange with white and black leading edge
- F.** Squared caudal fin (very little indentation in the tail)

## **Know and follow the new regulations**

If you're fishing at Scofield Reservoir or Panguitch Lake, be aware of the new regulations that are now in effect:

- **You may keep an aggregate limit of four trout.**
- **Two fish may be cutthroat or tiger trout under 15 inches.**
- **One fish may be a cutthroat or tiger trout over 22 inches.**
- **Immediately release all cutthroat and tiger trout from 15 to 22 inches.**
- **Consider any trout with cutthroat markings to be a cutthroat trout.**
- **Do not fillet trout.**

## **Practice catch-and-release techniques**

If you're planning to release the fish you catch, you'll improve their survival odds by following the tips below:

- **Fish with flies or lures instead of bait.**
- **Land the fish as quickly as possible.**
- **Keep the fish in the water, and use needle-nose pliers to remove the hook.**
- **Handle the fish as little as possible to preserve its protective slime coating.**
- **Release the fish quickly and gently.**

Even if your fish may not survive, you must release it if it's a cutthroat or tiger trout that falls within the 15- to 22-inch slot limit.



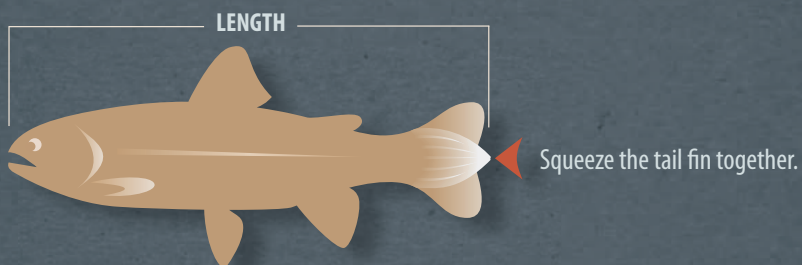
# Understand how the regulation changes help Scofield Reservoir and Panguitch Lake

Why have the regulations changed at Scofield Reservoir and Panguitch Lake? The changes will allow cutthroat and tiger trout to grow large enough to keep chubs under control. Even with these changes, there are still fun family-fishing opportunities at both waters. Anglers can keep up to four rainbow trout of any size.

This management approach has been used successfully at other Utah fisheries, including the award-winning Strawberry Reservoir. By using biological methods—instead of chemical treatment—to remove chubs, the State of Utah will save hundreds of thousands of dollars and ensure uninterrupted fishing at these popular waters.

## How to measure a fish

Use the following guidelines to measure a fish correctly (total length):



1. Place the fish on its side with the jaw closed.
2. Squeeze the tail fin together or turn it so you obtain the maximum overall length.
3. Measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.



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